(iii) Other Weaker Sections 15%
(OBC, BC etc. as defined in any particular State)

(iv) Physically and mentally — 5%
disabled and handicapped persons

Within this reservation, preference will be given to women headed households, urban poor who are members of self-help groups and persons eligible for old age pension as defined by the State Government. 4 lakh houses are expected to be completed annually under the scheme. The State-wise targets and allocations will be based on the States slum population.

Implementation of Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing Scheme

†890. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide pucca houses to replace the slums in different cities and metropolitan cities in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of amount allocated by Government in this regard; and

(e) The effective steps taken by Government, so far, to implement the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Government has recently decided to launch a new scheme known as Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people below poverty line in urban slums for achieving the goal of "Housing for all" as outlined in the National Housing and Habitat Policy. The details of scheme including the guidelines will be finalised in due course.

(d) and (e) The Government has decided to launch the scheme in the current year with an allocation of Rs. 100 crores as subsidy. The details of the scheme will be reviewed by the Government before its inclusion in the Tenth Five Year Plan period to ensure convergence with similar ongoing schemes of the department. Preparatory action has been initiated to start the scheme during the current financial year.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.